

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____, DAY _____, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2014 AS
“NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH” AND MARGUERITE COSTIGAN AS
“POET LAUREATE” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core subject in California state’s definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; and

WHEREAS, the arts can transform our schools into havens of creativity and exploration; places where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including school boards, district administrators, educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, local businesses and organizations, and local municipalities, whose collective endeavors towards equitable provision of arts learning for all students we celebrate and promote; and

WHEREAS, the arts have tremendous economic value by drawing visitors to San Luis Obispo County to participate in many of the County’s ongoing and annual art events, such as, the Open Studios Art Tour, Festival Mozaic Concerts, SLO Symphony Concerts, Museum of Art exhibitions, exquisite dance and ballet performances, Hearst Castle Tours, International Film Festivals, Shakespeare, Poetry Festivals, and Passport to the Arts; and

WHEREAS, theatres and cultural centers such as the SLO Little Theatre, the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, the Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation, and the Clark Center, among others, serve as homes to local music, theater, dance and other performing arts companies and provide sought-after cultural services; and

WHEREAS, public art projects such as those found in the lobby of San Luis Obispo County Government Center are elements of civic pride and help define and formulate responses to social, economic and cultural issues faced by citizens; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Costigan of San Luis Obispo City is an inspirational poet and has been selected as the County Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does recognize and support the mission of the California Arts Council and hereby proclaim October 2014 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" and Marguerite Costigan as "Poet Laureate" in San Luis Obispo County.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk